

AN ACT

relating to imposing a civil penalty for violation of certain restrictions relating to genetic information.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 21.403, Labor Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) A person who discloses genetic information in violation of this section is liable for a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000. The attorney general may bring an action in the name of the state to recover the penalty, plus reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.

SECTION 2. Section 3, Article 9032, Revised Statutes, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) A person who discloses genetic information in violation of this section is liable for a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000. The attorney general may bring an action in the name of the state to recover the penalty, plus reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a disclosure of genetic information made on or after the effective date of this Act. A disclosure of genetic information made before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1614 passed the Senate on  
May 8, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1614 passed the House on  
May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two  
present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor